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Many old students of the Charlotte Mason College and others connected with the P.N.E.U. may already know that it is proving necessary to make some important changes at the College at Ambleside and at the Practising School. Although much remains to be decided, it is desirable to report briefly on the present position.

It has become increasingly clear in recent years that the College could not continue to stand on its own feet financially. It has also become clear that the College and the students have suffered in various ways from the fact that the C.M.C. was the only teachers' training college in the country where fees have had to be charged. Just at this time, when some changes at the C.M.C. are proving unavoidable, the Government have realised that drastic measures are necessary to increase the number of trained teachers over the next ten years. It has therefore appeared to be in the national interest that all available efficient resources for the training of teachers should be conserved and, indeed, expanded.

Against this background, the <sup>the C.M.C. approached</sup> suggestion was made last year that the local education authority - Westmorland & <sup>authority</sup> County Council <sup>meeting this</sup> <sup>to consider</sup> <sup>it would</sup> <sup>the possibility of</sup> ~~should be invited to take over full~~ financial responsibility for the C.M.C. After various <sup>with the four bodies concerned</sup> preliminary discussions, the Ministry of Education and the Local Education Authority have stated that they are willing <sup>Westmoreland, M.C. University, the Area Training Organising (Manchester University)</sup> <sup>schools, & our own</sup> <sup>Governing Body</sup>

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to approve such an arrangement, in principle, for ten years from <sup>say</sup> 1960 with the position being reviewed towards the end of that period. There are now to be full discussions between representatives of the local education authority and of the Charlotte Mason Foundation (which is the present governing body of the College) with a view to reaching agreement on the detailed arrangements to be made for the change and for the future of the College.

In order to make the College more efficient, economically and educationally, the Ministry are insisting that the number of students should be increased. This cannot be done with the available accommodation without reducing the numbers in the Practising School. It has therefore been decided, naturally with regret, to close the senior school in 1960 and to maintain only the junior school. All those directly affected by this decision have already been informed.

If the transfer of the financial responsibility to the local education authority is successfully negotiated, there will obviously have to be various other changes. For example, the new governing body of the College will include members appointed by the local education authority and by Manchester University, as well as representatives of the Charlotte Mason Foundation. It is very gratifying to record that the discussions between the Foundation and

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and the local education authority have shown marked goodwill on both sides, and the Council of the Foundation has already been made fully aware that the local education authority will be as anxious as all other friends of the College to maintain all that has been good in the traditions and philosophy of the College. The Foundation's Council and the Principal are looking forward to the exciting benefits which the College should derive from the new partnership - a partnership which Charlotte Mason herself advocated in the early years of the century.

Much remains to be discussed and negotiated, and it is hoped to be able to report progress before the end of the year.



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HEADS OF AGREEMENT made between THE CHARLOTTE MASON FOUNDATION whose registered office is situate at Murray House, Vandon Street, London S. W. 1. (hereinafter called "the Foundation") of the one part and THE COUNCIL FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WESTMORLAND (hereinafter called "the County Council") of the other part.

WHEREBY IT IS AGREED as follows:

1. The Foundation will let and the County Council will take ALL THOSE premises now in their occupation and situate at Ambleside in the County of Westmorland shown partly coloured red and partly coloured blue and hatched red and partly hatched brown on the plan attached hereto TOGETHER WITH the rights specified in the First Schedule hereto EXCEPTING AND RESERVING unto the Foundation the

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have at a rental of pounds per annum.  
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2. THE County Council shall be responsible for the maintenance of the property comprised in the demise on the usual terms of a full repairing lease

3. THE terms of this Lease shall make provision for the County Council being allowed to make structural improvements and alterations

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to the premises with the written approval of the Foundation.

4. THE LEASE will be subject to a right for the County Council to determine the term of 21 years at the end of ten years from the commencement thereof.

5. THE Lease shall contain a covenant by the County Council that the premises will be run as a School and Training College and shall be responsible for all the outgoings in respect thereof.

6. THE premises comprised in this Lease are held by the Foundation under the objects clause set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Foundation and the County Council will so far as is practicable conduct the School and Training College upon the principles set out in Clause 3 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Foundation.

7. A full and formal lease of the premises will be granted by the Foundation embodying the terms herein specified or as modified by mutual agreement between the parties hereto.

AS WITNESS the hands of the authorised Agents for and on behalf of the parties hereto this day of 1960

The FIRST SCHEDULE before referred to

- 1) A right of way for the County Council jointly with the Foundation to and from the Laboratory forming part of Low Hook

over prt of Ordnance Survey Number 244.

2) A right of way jointly as aforesaid from and to the premises known as Scale How over the existing drive forming part of the grounds of Low Nook to and from the main road.

3) All reasonable and necessary rights of access over the portion of the of the property retained by the Foundation coloured blue on the plan in connection with the maintenance of the property comprised in this agreement for repair or maintenance and in respect of drains electricity cables and other services which may be laid in or under such premises coloured blue.

The SECOND SCHEDULE before referred to  
Reservations to the Foundation.

1) A right of way from Rydal Road down the Lane and across field Ordnance Survey Number 257 not exceeding nine feet in width for a passage of agricultural implements and stock from the main road to Ordnance Survey Number 265

2) The right of the Foundation to use the playing fields and tennis courts at such times as may be mutually agreed between the parties hereto.

3) The right of the Foundation to enter upon the property hereby demised for the purpose of maintenance of the property shown coloured

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blue on the said plan and any drains or other services in connection therewith

SIGNED by the said authorised Agents  
for and on behalf of the CHARLOTTE  
MASON FOUNDATION in the presence of :-

SIGNED by the said authorised Agents for and  
on behalf of THE COUNCIL FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
COUNTY OF WESTMORLAND in the presence of:-